

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION
FINANCE - TECHNOLOGY- PLANNING COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 19, 2000
EOB 12th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner/Committee Chair Fernando Bren
Commissioner Robert Freeman
Commissioner Leonard Marco
President Ken Fisher, GWVFD
Captain Craig Mickel, DFRS (Alternate)
Frank Kaleyias (Alternate)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gordon Aoyagi, MCFRS
Neil Shorb, MCFRS
George Giebel, MCFRS
Steve Kurtz, GWGVFD
Richard Riffe, MCFRS
Steve Lamphier, MCFRS
Annette Cheng, MCFRS

1- **CALL TO ORDER**
(Commissioner and FTP Committee Chair Bren)

The meeting of the Finance, Technology and Planning Committee was called to order by Commissioner and Committee Chair Bren at 7:38 a.m. in the 12th floor conference room at 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, Maryland.

Committee Chair Bren reported that Assistant Chief Love was absent from the meeting.

2- **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2000 MEETING MINUTES**

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Freeman to approve the minutes of September 28, 2000 meeting of the Finance, Technology and Planning Committee. MOTION SECONDED by President Fisher and PASSED unanimously.

3- **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Apparatus/Facilities Subcommittee**

President Fisher gave a report on the following items:

- Task #1 – EMS Unit Replacement (Attachment #2 in the agenda)
- Task #3 – Review of Program of Requirements for Fire Stations (Attachment #3 in the agenda)
- Task #7 – Review of Vitetta Facilities Assessment (Attachment #5 in the agenda)

With regard to the EMS Unit Replacement, Captain Mickel reported that having enough standby front line EMS units would allow routine maintenance for active front line units. The AFS suggested that each of the 5 Districts have at least one stocked standby front line EMS unit ready to respond during a mass casualty incident, or during unusually high EMS call load periods to enable shifting personnel from other fire apparatus to the standby front line units. The AFS recommended this issue be forwarded to the EMS Subcommittee and the Operations Committee for review.

Captain Mickel also suggested that MCFRS investigate leasing our busiest units, which represent approximately 1/3 of the fleet, and buying the remaining slower units.

Fire Administrator Aoyagi reported that leasing would cost more, but it does allow purchasing more units in a quicker period of time and creates more financing to meet the short term needs.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Freeman to :

- forward the *Program of Requirements for Fire Stations* report (Task #3) to the FRC and the FTP Planning Subcommittee;
- forward the EMS Unit Replacement report (Task #1) to the FRC and request the Commission distribute it to the field for review, with comments due by January 15, 2001;
- approve the Vitetta Facilities Assessment report (Task #7) with 3 recommendations: a) the FRC staff remove any CIP recommendations; b) request the field to review the report ; request that the Fire Administrator apply for supplemental funds.

MOTION SECONDED by President Fisher and PASSED unanimously.

- **Finance Subcommittee**

Commissioner Marco reported that the Senator William Amoss Fund Committee has made the following recommendation for the six LFRDs listed below using FY00 State Funds (balance of approximately \$244,623):

Additional Senator Amoss Fund Requests Using FY00 Funds			
Corporation	Amount Requested	Description	Original Request ?
Cabin John Park VFD	\$ 15,000.00	River Rescue Equipment	Yes
Laytonsville VFD	\$ 18,000.00	PBI Running Gear	Yes
Rockville VFD	\$ 25,000.00	Replace Hydraulic tools for RS3	Yes*
Rockville VFD	\$ 86,587.89	Funds to be used toward the Replacement of RS-3	No
Wheaton VRS	\$ 60,000.00	Replace 1993 Medic Unit	Yes
Wheaton VRS	\$ 40,000.00	Replace 1993 Ambulance	Yes
Total	\$244,587.89		

*The original request was for \$70,000. RVFD has provided documentation indicating an expenditure of \$25,100.

The Fire Administrator will provide Commissioner Marco with information on the cost the County has spent on CPAT Test.

- **Planning Subcommittee**

Commissioner Freeman reported the Planning Subcommittee is progressing with alternate site selection based on the data collected. He stated that the site for the East Germantown station is located on Collins Drive, and the site for the West Germantown station faces competition with Pepco for the corner location. Commissioner Freeman will have a better idea on land selection in the next few months and will report back to the Committee.

- **Technology Subcommittee**

There was no report.

4- ACQUISITION OF FIRE AND RESCUE VEHICLES WITH NON-TAX FUNDS

Mr. Giebel reported the AFS is working on the list of requirements which will be inserted in the document. The County Attorney is reviewing the proposed changes to the document and will provide his comments. A clean draft copy will be presented to the Committee once all comments are incorporated in the document.

5- ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Freeman to adjourn the meeting. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Marco and PASSED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

